

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 21 June 1996, in Vaughan - Canada

Call not therefore on any other God beside Allah lest thou become one of the chastised.

And warn thy nearest kinsfolk.

And lower thy wing to the believers who follow thee.

Then should they disobey thee say 'I repudiate all connection with such of your actions.'

And put thy trust in the Almighty the Merciful.

Who sees thee when thou standest up alone.

And thy movements in company with those who prostrate themselves.

He is indeed the All-Hearing the All-Knowing.

The Holy Quran. Al-Shoara [The Poets]: 214 - 221.

With the blessing and grace of Almighty God the Ahmadiyya Community in Canada are able to hold their twentieth Jalsa Salana and with the blessing of Almighty God they are stepping forward every year in all the Jalsas of the previous years and they have been able to place a milestone every year.

This year's Jalsa too has brought good news of another kind which not only concerns Jamat Ahmadiyya Canada but especially concerns Jamat Ahmadiyya England as well and generally [of concern] to the Jamats all over the world. Up until now with the grace of Allah the central Jalsas and sessions can be seen and heard throughout the world by TV. On a previous occasion I had appealed to the Community that God willing the days will come when we will be able to see each other on both sides. This is beginning from this blessed Friday today.

At this time Ahmadis sitting in the various centres in England are watching us and their pictures are reaching here. This was in fact a grand Prophecy which has been fulfilled many times in one way and now it is being fulfilled in a new manner. Hazrat Imam [Jaffar] Şadiq who was a very high-ranking Imam and a gnostic of Allah mentioned this that 'In the time of our Imam al-Qayim that is the Promised Messiah and Promised Mahdi the believers living in the east will see their brothers in faith living in the west. Similarly the believers sitting in the west will be able to see their brother seated in the east.' As far as two-sided visibility is concerned this is exactly what we are seeing but sound was not mentioned in this Prophecy that they will also be able to hear each other. This is the beginning. God willing in future such days will come when the Jamats of the east and west would be able to see each other through high quality TV and a worldwide Jalsa would be convened such as cannot have any equal in the world. Even now the blessings of Allah are so many and showering so rapidly like drops of rain that it has become impossible to count them. However it rains it is our duty to receive every drop of blessings showering on us upon the tongues of our hearts and continue singing hymns of praise. The relation of an expression of gratitude to actions is another subject. We are to proceed forward in view of the pure examples which the Holy Prophet ﷺ presented before us and by kissing his footsteps.

Mere authority is not enough for obedience which more importantly demands the existence of a deep bond of the heart. It is a must for the Ahmadiyya Community that every person who is given some authority to lead should treat those in his care with love and mercy and kindness. Just as his personality does not intervene in their obedience [to him] rather he is obeyed for the sake of Allah - So it is a must for every such person who is given any authority to treat all their ancillaries equally with affection.

Everything begins with *Tawhid* [God's Unity/Oneness], *Tawhid* is the fountainhead of every elevation and *Tawhid* is also the source of every humility. You observe the person of authority before whom you are bowing your head but you are instructed to remove him from sight because every submission of yours should be for the sake of God. There is another kind of lowering mentioned as well which is that of lowering yourself to your slaves in that *O the one who bows down before me! Lower yourself to those too who are low before you and scatter your mercies and kindnesses onto them.*

Those Amirs who stay in contact with certain people only because they would speak in their favour and always stand up in their support do not know that this act goes against *Tawhid*. It is important for every Amir to subject himself to all people equally in mercy and in humility. If his status is a high one it is only because God has appointed him to it. But the pedestal to which he has been appointed itself demands that he come down from it and this subject is derived from 'And lower thy wing to the believers who follow thee.'

The Quranic verses and the pure life of Muhammad the Holy Messenger of Allah explains this subject in that every person of authority who adopts this practice is in no danger because whenever he would increase his relationship with people he would do so for the sake of God. As far as that person is concerned he should understand that these people are bowing their heads before him for the sake of God which should be a cause for him to bow down even more so before God. [Both] the obedience and the subservience of a believer who adopts the mores of the Holy Messenger of Allah hold their heads high.

With recourse to this subject in the end I especially draw the attention of the Jamat Canada to inviting towards Allah for this age that has come is one of high time for the destinies of nations to be changed. Although the people of Canada are entangled in worldly pursuits there is a thirst in their hearts for mankind and for the good [of mankind]. This nation is calling you. If you do not reach them and quench their thirst what answer will you give before God?